Regular Meeting - City of Port Jervis Common Council:

A regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Attendance-

Jason Vicchiariello	**1st Ward**	**Present**
Colin O'Connell	**1st Ward**	**Present**
Misty Fuller	**2nd Ward**	**Present**
Maria Mazzara	**2nd Ward**	**Present**
Jeffrey Rhoades	**3rd Ward**	**Present**
Gerald Oney, Jr.	**3rd Ward**	**Absent**
Jacqueline Dennison	**4th Ward**	**Present**
Stanley Siegel	**4th Ward**	**Absent**
Michael Hockenberry	**Councilman-At-Large**	**Absent**
Dominic Cicalese	**Mayor**	**Present**

Also present:
Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer, Bobbie Jo Muller, William Frank, Esq., Corporation Counsel and Payton Miller, Deputy Corporation Counsel.
The meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Mayor Dominic Cicalese.

Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Dominic Cicalese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was held in recognition of those lives that were lost and affected by 9/11 and in remembrance of Retired Lieutenant Joseph Duryea who recently passed away.

Public Hearings –

- At 6:32 pm a motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #5 of 2026 Repealing Section C4-9 of the City of Port Jervis Entitled "Extraordinary Expenditures" was made by J. Vicchiariello, second by J. Rhoades.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
  J. Vicchiariello explained that this is being done to clean up financial requirements because the extraordinary expenditures in the law did not give guidance and limits on costs that would require a referendum.
- At 6:35 pm a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by C. O'Connell, second by J. Dennison.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- At 6:36 pm a motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #6 of 2026 Amending Article X, Section C10-1 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis Regarding Mandatory Referenda on Bond Resolution by J. Vicchiariello, second by J. Dennison.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
  J. Vicchiariello explained that this is being done to clean up financial regulations for the issuance of bonds over 5 million dollars not related to public health and safety.
- At 6:38 pm a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by J. Rhoades, second by M. Fuller.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Presentations - None

Public Comment – None

Executive Session – Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:39 pm under N.Y. Pub. Off. Law 105(f) for Personnel x1, Contractual x1, by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion to return from Executive Session at 6:47 pm by C. O'Connell, second by J. Dennison.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

- Motion to approve August 24, 2026, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison.
  AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (M. Fuller) CARRIED

Executive Session Material -

- Motion to extend light duty for employee #397, not to exceed October 26, 2026 by J. Vicchiariello, second by C. O'Connell.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Regular Business-

J. Vicchiariello – Code

- Code has not met.
- Motion to declare a Type 2 Action under SEQRA for Local Law #5 of 2026 Repealing Section C4-9 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis Entitled "Extraordinary Expenditures" and to adopt Local Law #5, second by M. Mazzara.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to declare a Type 2 Action under SEQRA for Local Law #6 of 2026 Amending Article X, Section C10-1 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis Regarding Mandatory Referenda on Bond Resolution and adopt Local law #6, second by C. O'Connell.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #7, Tax Cap Override for October 13th at 6:31 pm in the Council Chambers, second by J. Rhoades. The law was introduced to the Common Council.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The next code meeting will be held on October 7th at 6:30 pm.

J. Vicchiariello – Police

- The Police Committee has not met.
- Motion to allow a Rabies Clinic on October 18th at Howard Wheat #4, sponsored by Orange County and Port Jervis Animal Control and to Waive the City Licensing Fees during the event., second by J. Rhoades.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to adopt Resolution #74 Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With The NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee For The 2027 Police Traffic Services Program, for $23,535.00, second by J. Dennison.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to adopt Resolution #75 Authorizing An Internship Affiliation Agreement Between Monroe University and The City Of Port Jervis Police Department, second by M. Fuller.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to adopt Resolution #76 Ratifying A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City of Port Jervis Benevolent Association Lieutenant's Unit, second by M. Fuller.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Side Letter of Agreement for the PJ PBA Contract for a Second Canine Team, second by J. Rhoades.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Congratulations to our newest Canine Officer, Thomas Osowick.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 17th, 2026, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O'Connell – Planning – The Board has not met.

- There are 2 Public Hearings scheduled for the next meeting. V&V Capital LLC, for 37 & 39 Pike Street and SLBO Holdings LLC, for 69 Fowler Street.
- The board will continue to review the Pre-Submission for Fun Valley, Inc. for 1, 3, 5, and 7 Water Streets.
- The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, September 15th, at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O'Connell – Zoning – The Board has not met. The next meeting will be announced at the next Council meeting.

C. O'Connell – Recreation-

- The Youth Center Recreation Room is now open under our school schedule – school hours are as follows: Monday – Thursday 2 pm to 6 pm and Fridays 2 pm to 5:30 pm.
- The Splash Pad at Church St. Park and West End Beach are now closed for the season. They will reopen in 2027.
- The renovation project at Church St. Park continues. The entire lower level is now closed until further notice. Additional basketball courts can be found at Farnum Park, Riverside Park and West End Beach.
- Fall Special events this year include The Big Orange 10 Mile 10K Race on October 18th, the 78th Annual Halloween Parade on October 24th and a NY Jets Football game trip on October 25th.
- The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:15 pm at the Youth Center.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #77 Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Consulting And Management Agreement With The Outdoor Club, second by J. Dennison.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

C. O'Connell – DPW Update

- Garbage and Recycling for the weeks of Sept. 14th and Sept.21st will be on its normal schedule.
- The garbage schedule is available on the city website at www.portjervisny.gov or by emailing the DPW office at dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov.
- To receive current DPW updates, go to Nixle.com to sign up.
- Bagged leaves and brush will be picked up on Mondays, and Tuesdays if not complete.
- City dump is open 7:15-11:30 am every Saturday for residents of Port Jervis only. Dump tickets are available at the City Clerk's office.
- Blacktop repair in all wards is ongoing. If you see something that needs repair, please call DPW office at 845-858-4001.
- Removal of old tennis and basketball courts at Church St. Park has begun in preparation for new courts.
- Street sweeping will continue in all wards.
- Main line sewer spot repairs have begun.
- Pike Street underpass maintenance, cleaning and repairs are ongoing.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #78 Declaring That The Jersey Avenue Streetscape Project Is A Type II Action Under SEQRA Regulations, second by J. Vicchiariello.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to adopt Resolution #79 Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Vehicles For The Department Of Public Works, second by M. Fuller.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

M. Fuller- Finance –

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of $382,555.54, second by J. Rhoades.
  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The Finance Committee has not met. The next meeting will be held September 23rd, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

M. Mazzara – Tourism – The Board last met on September 8th.

- The 33rd Annual Fall Foliage Festival will be held on Sunday, September 27th, from 10 am to 5 pm downtown. The petting zoo & pony rides will be from noon to 4 at the Municipal parking lot at the corner of Front & Pike St. Live entertainment throughout the day, a classic car show and over 250 vendors offering something for everyone. Complimentary admission and parking.
- Christkindlmarkt Vendor Applications are available on the City's website or at the Clerk's Office. The application deadline is October 29th.
- The Tourism Board is recruiting new members. Contact Tourism Chair Laura Meyer by email at floralaurapj@yahoo.com
- The Tourism Board will not meet in October.

J. Rhoades – FEM –

- Motion for Maghogomock Hook & Ladder to host a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on October 17th, 2026, second by C. O'Connell.

  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED Motion to
- No meeting this Month. Next meeting will be held on October 19th at 6:30 pm.

G. Oney, Jr. – IDA –Absent-No Report

G. Oney, Jr. - ADA – Absent-No Report

J. Dennison - CDA-

- The PJCDA last met on August 26th.
- Under Section 8, 6 families are seeking units, and the agency is researching veteran project based and youth vouchers.
- The DRI Small Projects fund received five complete applications which are ready to go to scoring. The Jersey Ave. project is in planning with a bid opening on October 1st at 3 pm. The Riverside Park project's RFP for design opened on August 27th.
- A PJCDA Gender-Based Violence and Workplace Model Policy was adopted by resolution as an addition to the procurement procedure.
- Executive Director Maginsky will attend a housing conference in Albany from September 30th through October 2nd.
- The next PJCDA Meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 7 pm in the Council Chambers

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS- Absent-No Report

D. Cicalese –Mayor's Comments

- Consideration to change the October 12th Council Meeting to October 13th due to the Columbus Day Holiday, motion by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison.

  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Consideration to approve the Clothes Line Project October 8th, motion by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison.

  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Consideration to approve the O.C. Runners Club Event on October 18th, motion by M. Fuller, second by C. O'Connell.

  AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (G. Oney, S. Siegel, M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Orange County Legislator Tom Faggione resigned on August 21st. We will hold a Special Joint Meeting with the Town of Deerpark Officials and Town of Greenville Officials to elect a successor on September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

7:18 pm - Motion to adjourn by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison – all in favor.

Respectfully,
Bobbie Jo Muller
Deputy City Clerk Treasurer